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ANNOTATIONS AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Note by the secretariat

1. Adoption of the agenda

Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure of the Functional Commissions of the Economic and Social Council provides that the agenda shall be adopted at the beginning of each session, after the election of officers, on the basis of the provisional agenda. The provisional agenda for the present session of the Working Group on the Right to Development is contained in document E/CN.4/AC.45/1994/1.

2. Follow-up to the recommendations of the first session

On 1 March 1994 the Commission on Human Rights adopted resolution 1994/21, in paragraph 5 of which it welcomed the recommendations of the Working Group. In particular, in paragraphs 4, 5 (a) and (b), 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 of that resolution the Commission explicitly endorsed the recommendations made by the Working Group at its first session, contained in paragraphs 104, 107, 110, 109, 112, 114, 111, 108 respectively of its report on its first session (E/CN.4/1994/21).

3. Procedure and methodology of work

The attention of the Working Group is drawn to Commission on Human Rights resolution 1994/21 and the mandate contained therein, as well as to the need to report to the Commission at its fifty-first session. Attention is also drawn to section II, paragraph 72 of the Vienna Declaration and Programme

of Action, in which the World Conference on Human Rights urged the Working Group promptly to formulate, in consultation and cooperation with other organs and agencies of the United Nations system, for early consideration by the United Nations General Assembly, comprehensive and effective measures to eliminate obstacles to the implementation and realization of the Declaration on the Right to Development and to recommend ways and means towards the realization of the right to development by all States.

The Working Group for its procedure and methodology of work, may also wish to take note of the following:

(a) The draft final document (A/CONF.171/PC/5) of the International Conference on Population and Development, 1/ prepared by the Secretary-General for the third session of the Preparatory Committee (4-22 April 1994);

(b) The report of the first session of the Preparatory Committee meeting of the World Summit for Social Development, 2/ held in New York from 31 January to 11 February 1994. 3/

(c) The report by the Secretary-General (E/CN.6/1994/9), submitted to the Commission on the Status of Women at its thirty-eighth session, which describes the preparations for the Fourth World Conference on Women. 4/

Copies of these reports will be made available to members of the Working Group.

Copies of the reports of the latest sessions of the Inter-Agency Committee on Sustainable Development, the Committee for Development Planning and the High-Level Advisory Board on Sustainable Development will be available for consultation in the files of the secretariat.

4. Implementation of the Declaration on the Right to Development by the international organizations

The attention of the Working Group is drawn to documents E/CN.4/AC.45/1994/2 and Add.1, which have been prepared in accordance with Commission on Human Rights resolution 1993/22 and which contain relevant information obtained from United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and intergovernmental organizations.

Notes

1/ To be held in Cairo, 5-13 September 1994.

2/ To be held in Copenhagen, 6-12 March 1995.

3/ Symbol not yet available.

4/ To be held in Beijing, 4-15 September 1995.